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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons which follow.

The Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by seven Plant Breeder's Rights applications/grants drawn to the instant plant: 1) NL PBR LEL1147; 2) BE PBR 25125; 3) CL PBR 00037; 4) FR PBR 0158497; 5) NZ PBR LIL025; 6) PL PBR LI00050; and 7) DE PBR LIU00079; as well as the Aalsmeer website.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.